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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, December 8, as follows: Week ended December 2, 1906. Vessels inspected and received bills of health as follows: On the 26th ultimo, the British steamship *Sandhurst* for New York, via Santos and the West Indies, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with 3 new members of crew taken on here; on the 27th ultimo, the British steamship *Allston*, for Port Eads, Miss., in water ballast, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port; on the 1st instant, the British steamship *Tolesby*, for New Orleans via West Indies, in water ballast, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port; on the same date, the British steamship *Tintoretto*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 8 first class and 14 steerage passengers from this port, and with no change in the crew personnel while here, and on the same date the British steamship *Straits of Dover*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port.

No other vessels requiring inspection left this port for United States, Canal Zone, or insular ports during this period.

Mortality at Pernambuco.—Two weeks ended November 15, 1906. Total estimated population, 210,000. Total deaths, 250, including variola, 16; bubonic plague, 3.

Mortality, Rio de Janeiro.—Total estimated population, 912,900. Week ended December 2, 1906. Total deaths, 261. Yellow fever, 1 death, with 2 new reported cases; bubonic plague, 4 deaths, new cases reported, 21; variola, no deaths, and no new cases. At the close of the week there were in the hospital São Sebastião, 1 case of variola, 1 case of yellow fever, and 19 cases of bubonic plague.

Week ended December 8, 1906.—Vessels inspected and received bills of health as follows: On the 4th instant the British steamship *Morefield*, for some southern United States port, with no cargo, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the 5th instant the British steamship *Byron*, for New York, with a cargo chiefly composed of coffee, 10 first-class and 18 steerage passengers from this port, and no change in the crew; on the same date the British steamship *Tudor Prince*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers and no change in the personnel; on the 6th instant the British steamship *Dunblane*, in water ballast, for New Orleans, with no passengers and no change in the crew. This vessel lay while here

at the coffee docks. On the 7th instant the Norwegian bark *Moravia*, for Gulfport, Miss., in stone and sand ballast, origin Norway, no passengers, and 5 new members of the crew taken on in this port; on the same date the British ship *Harvest Queen*, in stone and sand ballast, for Gulfport, with no passengers, and no change in the crew while in this port; on the same date the British steamship *Buffon*, for New Orleans, in cargo of coffee, no passengers and no change in the personnel; and on the same date the German bark *Bonn*, for Port Eads for orders, in stone and sand ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel. No other vessels left this port during the week requiring inspection.

Mortality report, Rio de Janeiro.—Week ended December 9, 1906. Total deaths, 287. Yellow fever, 1 case, 1 death; bubonic plague, 19 cases, 8 deaths; variola, 1 case, 1 death. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião 1 case of yellow fever, 1 case of variola, 22 cases of bubonic plague, and 24 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Plague.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports as follows:

Week ended December 1, 1906: Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on November 10, 1906. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on September 29, 1906. Communicable diseases: Plague, 1 case, 1 death.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.—Number of emigrants per steamship *Coptic* recommended, December 8, 1906, for rejection: For San Francisco, 12; in transit, 3.

Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox—Death of smallpox patient removed from U. S. S. Raleigh at Chefoo.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Mills reports, December 4 and 11, as follows:

Week ended December 1, 1906. One original bill of health was issued to steamships after the usual inspection of crew and quarters. The total number on board, 44, were vaccinated.

The weekly report of the municipal health officer for the week ended December 2, 1906, mentions one case of smallpox among the non-Chinese population.

The weekly reports from Chefoo state the death on November 13 of the smallpox patient removed from the U. S. S. *Raleigh*, as previously reported. There are no other quarantinable diseases reported from outports.

Week ended December 8, 1906. Supplemental bills of health granted to 5 steamships, and their crews, numbering 629, and steerage passengers, numbering 187, inspected and passed. The crew of the *El Kantara*, bound for Manila, all vaccinated by the ship's doctor at the suggestion of this office. Four emigrants passed after inspection. No rejections of intending emigrants made.

No quarantinable diseases reported from outports.

The number of pieces of freight viséed is 19,691.